

Response to Questions on the FY 2019 Budget

Request By: Board of Supervisors

Question: What positions are included in the Opioid Task Force funding recommendation to address the opioid epidemic in Fairfax County.

Response:

The following positions are included in the Opioid Task Force Plan presented to the Board Housing, Health, and Human Services Committee on January 9, 2018.

Position & Level	FTE	Type ¹	Brief Description of Duties
<i>Plan Area: Data & Monitoring</i>			
Epidemiologist IV (S31)	1/1.0	Existing	Gather and analyze data from public safety, and health and human services to describe the scope of the opioid problem, target interventions, and evaluate the effectiveness of interventions.
Management Analyst III (S27)	1/1.0	Existing	Coordinate the ongoing work of the Opioid Task Force, coordinate Task Force meetings, resolve barriers to coordination of work, represent Fairfax County in regional and state efforts, and work with the epidemiologist to regularly review the data and effectiveness of interventions.
<i>Plan Area: Drug Storage, Disposal, and Monitoring</i>			
Property & Evidence Technician (S15)	2/2.0	New	Transport twice a week from each location of secured/returned drugs. Property will be tracked, logged, and securely stored by these positions. Also, arrange for Hazmat disposal and final transport of these drugs to the incineration location.
<i>Plan Area: Enforcement & Criminal Justice</i>			
Police Second Lieutenant (O21)	1/1.0	New	Supervise and manage the day-to-day operations of opioid death investigations, which includes implementing necessary procedures to ensure thorough and comprehensive opioid death investigations

¹ Existing positions have either already been established, or will be reallocated from existing resources to support this effort. New positions will be added as part of the *FY 2018 Third Quarter Review*.

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			are conducted and prepared for criminal trials.
Police Officer II (O18)	1/1.0	New	Conduct thorough and comprehensive opioid-related death investigations occurring in Fairfax County.
Management Analyst I (S21)	1/1.0	New	Pursuant to search warrants, collect, receive, analyze, and assemble digital evidence from various electronic devices for the purpose of developing actionable intelligence to assist in all aspects of the opioid health crisis hazard.
<i>Plan Area: Treatment</i>			
Psychiatrist (X Scale)	1/1.0	New	Manage complex medical and prescribing issues involved with medication-assisted treatment (MAT). Prescribing this medication requires a specialized certification, and the psychiatrist can only treat/prescribe a certain number of individuals Suboxone at a time.
Behavioral Healthcare Nurse Supervisor (S28)	1/1.0	New	Supervise and provide direct services that address multiple high-risk medical illnesses including HIV and Hepatitis C that require significant medical knowledge, connect with medical and community/referrals, help clients access treatment (this is very challenging since these clients are typically uninsured), order and review lab tests, and provide medical counseling. In addition, they will perform a required nursing assessment on every admission and an updated nursing assessment on every subsequent visit.
Behavioral Healthcare Nurse Clinician/Case Manager (S26)	1/1.0	New	Under the supervision of the Behavioral Healthcare Nurse Supervisor, serve as a direct service provider, addressing multiple high-risk medical illnesses including HIV and Hepatitis C that require significant medical knowledge, connect with medical and community/referrals, help clients access treatment (this is very challenging since these clients are typically uninsured), review lab tests and provide medical counseling. In addition, they will perform a required nursing assessment on every admission and an updated nursing assessment on every subsequent visit.

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Behavioral Healthcare Specialist II (S23)	4/4.0	New	Perform group psycho education engaging/educating clients on substance abuse, trauma, and the multiple medical issues associated with IV drug abuse (needle sharing, infectious diseases, signs of overdose, how to respond, how Suboxone works, etc.), and linking to resources in the community. Provide supportive counseling to clients who come in under the influence/ intoxicated and provide proper medical interventions, assessing high-risk situations that may need CPR or Narcan, and call emergency medical professionals.
Behavioral Healthcare Specialist I (S20)	2/2.0	New	Provide direct services in the community to the difficult-to-engage client population who is at high risk for significant health issues and substance use. Direct community contact is needed in non-traditional settings to keep the individual engaged in services, or to help them become more engaged in services.
Mental Health Senior Clinician (S25)	1/1.0	New	Provide substance abuse services to youth who are using or at risk for using drugs. The individual will be available for youth at risk of court involvement or identified by FCPS as being at risk, and will be licensed by the state of Virginia.
Mental Health Therapist (S23)	1/1.0	New	Attend the FCPS drug education sessions and provide screening services to youth in need. They will also be available at CSB sites to provide substance abuse services to youth using or at risk of using substances.
Behavioral Health Supervisor (S26)	1/1.0	New	Provide clinical and administrative supervision of the Recovery Coach Team, provide oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Recovery Coach efforts, serve as the emergency department liaison and collaborate with the CSB Medical Director and other treatment staff, coordinate with first responders, and manage program evaluation/data reporting.

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Recovery Coaches ² (S15)	3/3.0	New	Provide 24/7 support to the emergency department staff to respond to patients experiencing overdoses or other substance-related crisis. The Recovery Coach role is to engage with the patient and motivate the patient to accept treatment, coordinate with treatment providers, assure smooth transitions from the emergency department to treatment services, provide information and support to family members, and continue to offer hope and support for recovery to individuals. The team will consist of 3 full-time merit positions and 4 part-time on-call positions to allow for full coverage. The Recovery Coach Team would have Peer Specialist certifications from the state.
Total New County Merit Positions	20/20.0		

In addition to the positions shown above, the plan includes funding for the following Fairfax County Public School positions for the Substance Abuse Prevention Program in schools.

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Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Teacher <i>(Extend contract of existing AOD position)</i>	1/0.1	Existing	Teach a 3-day psycho-educational seminar on impact of drug use, and assess level of drug involvement and facilitate connection to treatment resources. Position will have a teaching or pupil personnel license.
US20 Drug Counselors, 194-day contract	5/5.0	New	Provide prevention materials and instruction, conduct small group evidence-based interventions, and assess level of drug involvement and facilitate connection to treatment resources.
US20 Drug Counselors, 219-day contract	1/1.0	New	Provide prevention materials and instruction, conduct small group evidence-based interventions, and assess level of drug involvement and facilitate connection to treatment resources.
US24 Supervisor, 219-day contract	1/0.5	New	Position will provide direct supervision of US20 Drug Counselors, collect and monitor data on program outcomes, and establish protocols and processes for effective

² The plan also includes 4/3.0 FTE Non-Merit Recovery Coach positions to address this need.

			referral, enrollment, and completion of treatment.
Total FCPS Positions	8/6.6		